

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

RAJYA SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1730**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 03, 2023

**SPACE TOURISM IN THE COUNTRY**

1730. SHRI RAMBHAI HARJIBHAI MOKARIYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the provisions made by Government to increase space tourism in the country, the details thereof;
- (b) the purpose of G-20 related tourism track meeting; and
- (c) whether this meeting is being organized for the first time itself in Gujarat's Rann of Kutch, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC  
GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE**

**(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):**

- (a) Through Gaganyaan, India's maiden human spaceflight programme, ISRO is engaged in development of various technologies, which are essential building blocks for human spaceflight missions. This mission will pave the way for future human missions, including space tourism in the country. ISRO has carried out preliminary feasibility studies for a sub-orbital space tourism mission onboard a liquid propellant stage booster, presently being developed for Gaganyaan.

(b) & (c)

No specific inputs from Department of Space.

However, as per the inputs received from Ministry of Tourism, the purpose of G20 related Tourism Track meeting is to collaborate with G20 member countries, guest countries and international organizations to develop tourism sector. Under G20 India's Presidency, Tourism Track meetings are conducted to reaffirm the importance of working towards the full recovery of tourism from the impacts of the COVID 19 pandemic and advancing the role of tourism in accelerating the implementation of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The development of GOA Roadmap for Tourism as a vehicle for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals is the key deliverable of the tourism working group meetings which is based on the five tourism priority areas identified by India's G20 Presidency for the development of a resilient and sustainable tourism sector namely: 1) Green Tourism; 2) Digitalization 3) Skills; 4) Tourism MSMEs and 5) Destination Management.

The meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> Tourism Working Group under India's G20 presidency which was held at the Rann of Kutch, Gujarat from 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> February was organized for the first time in the state. More than hundred delegates from G20 nations, invited countries and international organizations have taken part in the meet. All the 5 key priority areas set for the deliberations were endorsed by all G20 Member countries, Invitee countries and international organisations in the Tourism Working Group sessions. The meeting also included two thematic discussions, 1) 'Rural Tourism for Community Empowerment and Poverty Alleviation' and 2) 'Promotion of Archaeological Tourism: Discovering shared Cultural Heritage'. During their stay at Dhordo Tent City, the delegates had an opportunity to attend a Yoga session at sunrise at White Rann. The delegates also visited the Harappan Site of Dholavira, a UNESCO World heritage site and the state-of-the-art Smritivan Earthquake Memorial Museum in Bhuj.

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